

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee is sponsored its 3<sup>rd</sup> all-day conference for CPCS attorneys. This program focused, in a timely fashion, on recently implemented commitment law reform. The training offers critical insights and skill development through presentations by a myriad of experts in the mental health field.

**Program materials still available, see below.**

## **BIG CHANGES, NEW TACTICS:**

### **Mental Health Lawyering after Commitment Law Reform**

Monday, January 29, 2001

9:00-4:30

Federal Reserve Bank, 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston

8:30 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 Welcome

#### **Commitment Law Changes: "The What"**

9:15-9:45 Perspective from the Bench

Judge Rosemary B. Minehan, First Justice, Wareham District Court

9:45-11:30 New Rules, New Practices

Stan Goldman, Esq., Mental Health Litigation Unit, Committee for Public Counsel Services

Phyllis Field, Esq., CPCS Attorney

Lester Blumberg/Michael Weeks, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

11:30-12:00 Feedback and Questions

12:00 Lunch

## **The Challenge of Interviewing: "The How"**

1:00-2:00 Ethical Issues in the Representation of People with Mental Illness

Robert Fleischner, Esq., Center for Public Representation

2:00-4:30 Refining Communication to Effectively Gather Information

Lynn Barenberg, LICSW, Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau

Margo McMahon, Ed.D., Consumer Affairs Associate, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Shery Mead, MSW, Mental Health Advocate

Melanie Patenaude, Esq., CPCS Attorney

Cheryl Stevens, M.D., Office of Consumer/Survivor/Ex-Patient Relations, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

**CREDIT:** This conference is approved for 8 hours credit towards CPCS continuing MHL certification.

**FEE:** \$75 (meals included)

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